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Thank you for your interest in obtaining a license for your product for use as an Oil Spill Clean-Up Agent (OSCA) in the State of California. As of January 1, 1996, the primary authority for licensing OSCAs was transferred from the State Water Resources Control Board (the Board) to the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) pursuant to Government Code Section 8670.13.1. As expected, the transfer of responsibilities from the Board to the OSPR was smooth, with minimal disruption to vendors.

There have been a few important changes to the licensing process which should streamline the procedure. First, Government Code Section 8670.13.1(b) states that sorbents and other cleanup devices that do not employ the use of active chemical cleanup agents, or are otherwise determined not to cause aquatic toxicity, are not subject to the licensing provisions. You may apply for an exemption from licensing if you believe your product falls into this category. Second, bioremediants that are currently listed on the National Contingency Plan (NCP) do not require additional testing to obtain a license for use in California. Third, a simplified application form has been developed for products needing licensing in California.

All the information and forms you will need to apply for a license exemption, a license, or a renewal of an existing license can be found in this guidance document. Thank you once again for your interest in obtaining a license for your product. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter or the attached document, you may contact Ms. Yvonne Najah Addassi of our Response Technologies Development Unit at (916) 324-7626.

Sincerely,

Carlton D. Moore

Administrator

Office of Spill Prevention and Response